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Text Gem, Fires in the Middle School Bathroom: Advice for Teachers from Middle Schoolers by Kathleen Cushman and Laura Rogers

This is an example questionnaire that you could give students at the beginning of the year in order to get to know them better. It is found on page 47. I've added my own questions at the end.

Who Are You? A Questionnaire for Students

Note: I will not share your answers with anyone without your permission.

Basic Information:

Name:

Name you like to be called:

What is your date of birth?

Your email address:

Your home phone:

Your cell phone (if any)

Parents' or guardians' names:

Do you have brothers or sisters? If so, what are their names and how old are they?

Which ones live with you?

Others who live in your household?

Where were you born?

What language do you speak at home?

Are you new to this school? Where were you before?

How do you get to school? How long does it take?

What do you do after school?

What would you like to do after school?

What are some other things you really enjoy doing?

What time do you usually go to sleep?

What time do you usually get up for school?

About the way you learn:

Do you like this subject? Why or why not?

What would you really like to learn about in this class?

How much homework do you expect?

Describe the way you learn things best.

How do you feel about working in groups?

Is there anything that makes this class especially hard for you?

Can you think of a way I could help you with this?

Who would you like me to tell when you do something especially well?

Is there anything else about you that you would like me to know?

Questions I would add:

If you could have any after school club at school, what would it be?

Describe how much experience you have working groups.

Do you like to work by yourself?

Do you do homework right after school, in the evening, or in the morning before school?

Do you enjoy doing school related activities with your family?

Do you like to listen to music while you study or do you find it distracting? What types of music?

Which do you like more, competitive games or cooperative games?